

Penacook Branch Library

Acquisition, Renovation or Sale of
Property?

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Penacook branch library

The current challenges

- Layout
 - ❖ No program space that is ADA/compliant (no elevator)
We can't have story times/craft programs on the first floor
 - ❖ Limited browsing collection
We have maxed out our available collection space
 - ❖ Limited seating/work area options
- Hours open per week – 15 (over 4 days/shifts)
- Parking – only a handful of spaces on site
- Circulation in FY 17= 4,963 items
 - ❖ 1.67% of CPL circulation

Penacook Library has some options to consider:

A. Stay Put- Fix the building

B. Lease New Property in village or partner with a local business

C. Boscawen Public Library?

D. Bookmobile

A. Stay Put- Fix the Building

Boiler & Piping abatement Replacement FY19	HC Ramp Replacement FY19	Roof Replacement FY22	Chimney Repair FY23	TOTAL \$
\$40,000	\$150,000	\$125,000	\$10,000	\$325,000

- If we decide to spend more money on the facility then that is likely a long term commitment to staying on site
- This does not address any of the current challenges
- How much does this actually improve the return on investment?

B. Lease Property in Penacook



- How much will it cost?
- When will a potential site open, is there a community partnership available?
- What if building is in disrepair before a site is available?

C. Boscawen/Penacook consortium

-3,916 residents live in(03303)

- .7 miles or 14 city blocks (shorter than the CPL to Concord High School)
- Boscawen Library is open 36 hours per week
- Over 150 Penacook residents have bought a Boscawen Library card. \$20/lifetime membership
- How would that work?
 - Ward 1 membership only, or
 - Membership to all Boscawen/Concord reciprocal
 - ❖ Challenges to shared collection/technology
 - ❖ How do we help staff Boscawen, what resources to share
 - ❖ What happens to current site when Boscawen wants Library to relocate
 - ❖ Can we sell this to Boscawen?

D. Bookmobile



- Partially Solar Powered Bookmobile
- Improved access to a variety of locations in Penacook such as; Elementary School, Farmer's Market, Rolfe Park, etc...
- Potential to market at City Wide events like First Night & Market Days
- Storage- overnight at a variety of locations: Airport, Wastewater Treatment.....
- Weather dependent off site programming at all locations
- WiFi – technologically advanced with touch screens and remote ILS access
- Inter Library Loan availability for patrons to receive materials at stops
- The Cost of creating a Solar Powered Bookmobile for Portland ME and Monroe IN ranged from \$150,000-\$300,000

Today I believe the best plan for Penacook is a Bookmobile because:

- Library first, mobile second bookmobiles take up to a year to develop
- Mobility and Flexibility
 - ❖ We can target more areas of Penacook and not be reliant on an aging infrastructure
 - ❖ We can do on site programming(weather dependent)
- 8-20 Year Fix
 - ❖ Most bookmobiles start to have structural issues in 7-10 years, we can evaluate the success of the bookmobile during this time and potentially still monitor availability for a physical location in Penacook
- How do we pay for that?
 - ❖ Sell the Penacook Branch Library
 - ❖ Utilize Penacook Trust Fund
 - ❖ Save money on Capital Budget for Penacook branch fixes